REMARKS

Applicant has made one minor change to the specification. Applicant originally stated that fetuin was to be incubated with 0.5 ml of 0.1 EDTA. Applicant inadvertently left out the concentration unit, molar, for EDTA. This clarification does not involve new matter because it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that the EDTA concentration would be in Molar units. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application upon entry of this preliminary amendment.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at Trojan Law Offices, 310-777-8399.

Respectfully Submitted,

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